2964. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Government of Karnataka for modernization of the administrative system of the Urban Co-operative banks in Karnataka;

(b) if so, when the MoU was signed;

(c) how many Urban Co-operative banks are functioning in Karnataka;

(d) what is the amount of deposit held by these banks';

(e) which are the banks identified for modernization under the above MoU; and

(f) the amount proposed to be spent in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (f) The informationn is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

Fiscal measures for industrial investment in Uttaranchal

2965. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have offered a package of very attractive incentives, fiscal and non-fiscal measures attracting industrial investments in Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh for period for 10 years; and

(b) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has pleaded for extension of these incentives to one most backward district in each of the three backward regions of Andhra Pradesh namely Telangana, Rayalaseema and Coastal Andhra, in view of availability of surplus skilled man-power and other infrastructure like Research and Development facilities in several backward district of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Section 80-1C of the Income Tax Act, *inter-alia,* provides for a 100% tax holiday for 5 years and 25% (30% in the case of companies) for the next 5 years for industries set up within the States of Uttaranchal or Himachal Pradesh on or after 7.1.2003